Industries (Guindy)

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 857 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 857 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the following industries situated in Government Estate, Guindy had to curtail production for want of raw materials—

(i) Easwaran & Sons;

(ii) Indian Cables and Wire Industries;

(iii) Resa Company; and

(iv) A. C. Engineering?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (i) to (iv) No representation about the shortage of raw materials has been received from any of these industries.

Finance Minister's Foreign Tour

* 858 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Finance Minister has submitted any report on his foreign tour to the Cabinet; and

(*b*) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் 'ஆனந்த விகட'-னில் தமது வெளிநாட்டுச் சுற்றுப் பிரயாணத்தைப் பற்றி தொடர்ந்து எழுதிக்கொண்டு வருகிறார். அதைப் புஸ்தகமாக அச்சிட்டு இந்தச் சபையின் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு கொடுப்பார்களா?

MR. SPEAKER: இது ஒரு சஜஷன் இல்லையா? கேள்விக்கும், இதற்கும் சம்பந்தமில்லை.

Roadside Romeos

* 859 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaints recently from the parents against 'Roadside Romeos' insulting behaviour against college and school girls in the city of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: No. Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, has the attention of the Government been drawn to the complaints recently made by the parents against 'Roadside Romeos' and their insulting behaviour which

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appeared in the English Dailies and if so what action the Government propose to take?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I have no information, Sir. If the hon. Member, Sri A. A. Rasheed, is interested and if he had any personal experience, he may convey the same to me. (Laughter.)

Pick-pockets (in buses)

* 860 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that pick-pockets in Madras city are more active in running buses;

(*b*) the steps taken to stop this; and

(*c*) the number of pick-pocketing committed in the running buses in the last six months?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Policemen in uniform and in mufti are deputed for spotting pick-pockets. Rewards are granted to private individuals and drivers and conductors of buses for good work in spotting pick-pockets and in helping to apprehend them. There has been a sustained drive during the past three years towards preventive work and this has had salutary effect in bringing down the number of cases under all heads of this type of crime.

(*c*) 43.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, may I know whether the pick-pocketing is due to the carelessness of the travelling public or is it due to the cleverness of the pick-pockets?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I may tell the hon. Member that there has been a sustained drive during the past three years towards the preventive work and this has had salutary effect in bringing down the number of cases under all heads of crime. The total number of pocket picking offences has gradually decreased from 246 in 1957 and 209 in 1958 to 149 in 1959 and 141 in 1960. The percentage of detection has increased from 25·2 per cent in 1957 to 45.4 per cent in 1960.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI: பஸ்களிலே 'திருடர்கள் ஜாக்கிரதை' என்று அறிவிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பது, திருடர்களுக்குச் சாதகமாக இருக்கிறது என்பது கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: அவரவர்கள் திறமைக்கு ஏற்றவாறு எந்த நல்ல விஷயத்தையும் உபயோகித்துக் கொள்கிறார்கள். (சிரிப்பு.)

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR: Sir, may I know how many of the culprits are new entrants to the field?